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EXECUTIVE ORDER CONTINUING THE MONTANA PUBLIC SAFETY  
COMMUNICATIONS COUNCIL THAT WILL SERVE AS THE STATEWIDE  
INTEROPERABILITY EXECUTIVE COUNCIL (SIEC)

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WHEREAS, the public safety of the citizens of Montana is of  
paramount importance; and

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WHEREAS, public safety communications provide a critical  
role protecting the lives and property of the citizens of  
Montana; and

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WHEREAS, the State's public safety communications  
infrastructure is rapidly changing and becoming outdated; and

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WHEREAS, the Federal Communications Commission is adopting  
changes that affect the ability of public safety communications  
systems to interoperate with one another, due to new technology  
and shifts in standards; and

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WHEREAS, the effectiveness of public safety communications  
between jurisdictions to cooperate and coordinate voice and data  
information is critical to the mission of public safety; and

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WHEREAS, the Public Safety Communications Council, in  
combined efforts with Public Safety Communications consulting  
firms, have completed Public Safety Communications System

1 designs; and

2 WHEREAS, the Public Safety Communications Council has  
3 recommended that state agencies with federal, local, and private  
4 entities with similar communications requirements continue to  
5 work cooperatively and identify approaches to promote and  
6 enhance statewide interoperability; and

7 WHEREAS, there exist opportunities to assist in the  
8 promotion of coordination and cooperation of a statewide  
9 interoperability goal, which is an ongoing and long-term effort.

10 NOW, THEREFORE, I, JUDY MARTZ, Governor of the State of  
11 Montana, pursuant to the authority vested in me by the laws and  
12 Constitution of the State of Montana, do hereby continue the  
13 Montana Public Safety Communications Council.

14 I. PURPOSE

15 The purpose of the Montana Public Safety Communications  
16 Council is to provide policy level direction for matters related  
17 to planning, designing and implementing guidelines, best  
18 practices, and standard approaches to solve Montana's public  
19 safety communications interoperability problems and to leverage  
20 any opportunity in support of a statewide system, including  
21 seeking federal funding, or other funding, for statewide  
22 interoperability. To that end it shall:

23 A. establish a joint approach to wireless  
24 interoperability among public safety entities within  
25 Montana.

26 B. exercise authority for strategic decision-making with  
27 regard to Montana's public safety communications by:  
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1. researching and evaluating best practices;
2. developing recommendations for statewide standards;
3. fostering coordination and cooperation among agencies;
4. making recommendations to provide statewide assistance;
5. acting as an information clearinghouse;
6. serving as a policy point of contact for local, regional, and national interoperability matters;
7. developing recommendations for legislation that may be required to further promote interoperability;
8. considering other policy issues related to solving Montana's public safety communications interoperability problems; and
9. exploring opportunities for inter-agency and regional systems and develop methods for inter-agency cooperation.

## II. COMPOSITION

The Council shall consist of eighteen (18) members appointed by the Governor, as identified below:

1. the Director of the Department of Administration (or designee) who shall chair the Council;
2. the Attorney General (or designee from the Department of Justice) who shall serve as Vice-Chair of the Council;

3. a representative from local government who will represent the local government operations of the municipalities, cities, and towns of Montana;
4. a representative from local government who will represent the county government operations of Montana;
5. two local representatives from the federal government who will represent the operations of the public safety departments, agencies, and bureaus of the federal government;
6. two representatives from state agencies who will represent state government operations;
7. two representatives from law enforcement who will represent the Montana Association of Chiefs of Police and the Sheriffs and Peace Officers Association;
8. a representative from the emergency medical services community from the State of Montana;
9. two representatives of the citizens at large from the State of Montana;
10. two representatives from fire protective services who will represent the Montana Fire Chiefs Association and the State of Montana Volunteer Firefighter's Association;
11. a representative from the 9-1-1 community for the State of Montana;
12. one Tribal representative;
13. a representative who will represent Northwestern Energy and other private utilities participating as

1 private entities.

2 The Department of Administration/Information Technology  
3 Services Division will provide assistance to obtain technical  
4 and administrative support for the Council.

5 The names and addresses of members appointed by the  
6 Governor shall be submitted by separate appointment letters to  
7 the Secretary of State.

8 III. DURATION

9 This Council shall exist for a period of two years from the  
10 effective date of this Order unless otherwise ordered by  
11 subsequent Executive Order.

12 This Order is effective immediately.

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16 GIVEN under my hand and the  
17 GREAT SEAL of the State of  
18 Montana, this 14th day of  
19 June, 2004.

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JUDY MARTZ, Governor

21 ATTEST:

22 Bob Brown  
23 BOB BROWN, Secretary of State  
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